



Peaks of Otter Lodge

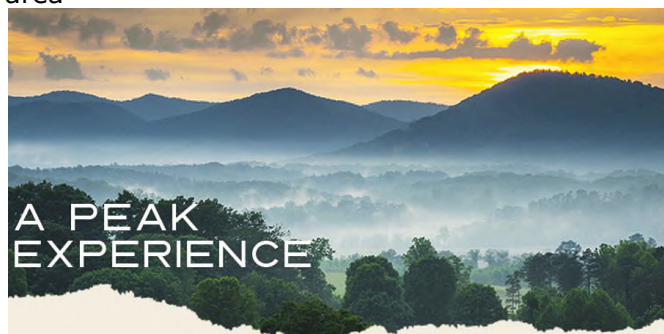
85554 Blue Ridge Parkway
Bedford

"Nestled between two of the three mountains that make up Peaks of Otter, the Lodge offers 63 rooms, meeting facilities, wedding facilities, a full-service restaurant, a lounge and a gift shop - all overlooking beautiful Abbott Lake and majestic Sharp Top mountain."

Green Statement: "We are committed to protecting the Blue Ridge Parkway and environment for future generations to enjoy. Our commitment has helped us divert waste from the landfill, reduce our water consumption, reduce our energy consumption and devise new and better ways of doing things."

CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Conference Centers

- ☒ **Recycling.** All conference centers must have highly-visible locations/containers that provide the opportunity for guests to recycle aluminum cans and plastic bottles. Recycling of steel cans, cardboard, office paper, and composting of waste foods are encouraged as well. This facility pledges that they:
 - Provide the opportunity for guests to recycle: glass bottles, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, steel cans, newspaper, office paper
 - Also recycle office paper, toner cartridges, cardboard, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment, cigarette butts, writing instruments, corks, and scotch tape
- ☒ **Minimization of Disposable Food Service Products.** All conference centers are required to minimize the use of disposable food service products and maximize the use of food service products that are recyclable or compostable in the food service area. When disposable food service items are used, you are encouraged to use products that are made from bio-based or renewable resources, and to provide for the collection / recycling/ composting of food service items disposed of on the premises. This facility pledges that they:
 - Use disposable foodservice items made from bio-based materials, renewable materials
 - Use compostable food service items and direct this material to available composting operations in your area



☒ **Solid Waste Reduction.** All conference centers must be actively working to reduce their solid waste generation. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall solid waste costs
- Have a numeric goal to reduce overall materials that go to the landfill
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Kitchen (or meetings/events)

- Recycle fryer grease and/or filter grease prior to recycling
- Donate excess food from events
- Compost food waste and other compostables
- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste

Dining room (or meetings/events)

- Use cloth napkins
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles

Restrooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Use high-efficiency hand-dryers
- Purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper

Office

- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible

Building and grounds

- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use integrated pest management (IPM)
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping

☒ **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Have established a numeric goal to reduce water consumption over time

Activities indoors

- Have installed:
 - Low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)

Activities outdoors

- Have an effective landscape management plan

☒ **Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills
- Have established a numeric goal to reduce energy usage over time

Heating and cooling

- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Keep office doors and windows closed in HVAC system is on

Lighting

- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T5s and T8s)

☒ **Green Events Package.** The facility must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided. This facility pledges that they:

- Promote the availability of “green meetings/conferences” in marketing packages including:
 - Zero waste meetings
 - 100% post-consumer office paper
 - Sustainable cuisine
 - Linen Reuse Program
 - Bulk dispensers for guest room amenities
 - Bulk dispensers for dining room condiments
 - Recycle kitchen waste oil for biofuel
 - Shower timers
 - Compostable to-go boxes, bags, and hot & cold cups
 - Recycling program
 - Composting program



For more information on Peaks of Otter Lodge, see www.peaksofotter.com
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Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia’s campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia’s tourism industry. **Virginia Green Conference Centers** have been thoughtfully planned and designed to minimize their impacts on the environment. This conference center has met the established “core activities” for **Green Conference Centers** and has committed to communicate its activities to its guests.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see www.viriniagreentravel.org or <http://staging.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx>.



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